

REMARKS

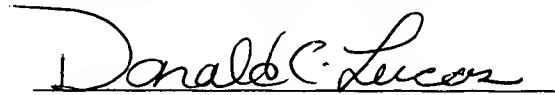
Claims 1-12 had been indicted as allowable over the prior art but had been objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

In order to address these objections and rejections, Claims 1-12 have been cancelled herein and Claims 22-52 are presented herein. Claims 22-52 essentially mirror Claims 1-12 except for the "preferred" and "advantageous" embodiments have been added as dependent claims. The apparatus claims have been amended to add sub-claims claiming specific preferred features claimed in the process.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Enclosed is PTO Form 2038 authorizing payment of the additional ten (10) dependent claims. Should any further fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,
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